

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action of March 12, 2004, to which claims 1-29 were rejected. With this Amendment, claims 1, 8, 13, 15, 21, 22, 24, 28, and 29 are amended. Claims 1-29 remain in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the drawings were objected to because they included element 60 in Fig. 1. That element was referred to on page 5, lines 12 and 13, which state "internet server 22 provides a communication interface between head end 12 and internet 60." To avoid any confusion, specification has been amended at line 13, page 5, to refer "network/internet 60."

Claim 13 was objected to on the basis that it should depend from claim 8 rather than claim 1. With this Amendment, the dependency of claim 13 has been corrected. In addition, claim 13 has been amended to refer to the "program schedule" rather than the "schedule of television programs" in order to be consistent with terminology used in claim 8. With the Amendment, the objection to claim 13 should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,611,654 to Shteyn. With this Amendment, independent claims 1, 8, 15, 21, 22, 24, 28 and 29 have been amended. With these amendments, the rejection based upon Shtayn has been overcome.

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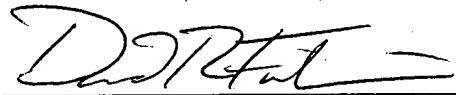
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In particular, each of the independent claims has been amended to indicate that a schedule, interactive display, or information is provided to the guest about scheduled programs available for viewing and recording, as well as previously recorded programs available for time-shifted viewing. This feature is neither taught nor suggested by Shteyn. As a result, claims 1-29 are now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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